

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A simulation method of simulating a behavior  
of a mechanism using a hybrid model including a state  
transition model and a continuous system model, the  
5 method comprising:

analyzing the hybrid model to extract a first  
description data of a state transition model and a  
second description data of a continuous system model;

generating a table representing a relationship  
10 between continuous system equations and switching  
conditions thereof, based on the extracted first  
description data;

generating a plurality of internal data  
expressions of the continuous system equations, based  
15 on the extracted second description data;

selecting an active continuous system equation  
by looking up the table according to an occurrence of  
an event; and

outputting data that represents the behavior of  
20 the mechanism by solving the selected active continuous  
system equation by numerical integration using one or  
more of the internal data expressions that corresponds  
to the selected active one or more continuous system  
equations.

25 2. The method according to claim 1, further  
comprising:

switching the active one of the continuous system

equations to the another continuous system equation by operating a flag assured for each of the continuous system equations.

5           3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the event is responsive to one of a control signal and an evaluation result of an internal variable, the control signal being provided from an external process including mechanism control software that controls the mechanism.

10           4. The method according to claim 1, further comprising executing a kinematics simulation which uses the data that represents the behavior of the mechanism.

15           5. A simulation method of simulating a behavior of a mechanism using a hybrid model including a state transition model and a continuous system model, the method comprising:

analyzing the hybrid model to extract a first description data of a state transition model and a second description data of a continuous system model;

20           generating a table representing a relationship between continuous system equations and switching conditions thereof, based on the extracted first description data;

25           generating a plurality of internal data expressions of the continuous system equations, based on the extracted second description data; and performing a simulation of the behavior of

the mechanism while referring to the table and the plurality of internal data expressions of the continuous system equations.

5           6. A simulation method of simulating a behavior of a mechanism using a hybrid model including a state transition model and a continuous system model, the method comprising:

          analyzing the hybrid model to extract a first description data of a state transition model and a  
10       second description data of a continuous system model;

          generating a first program code based on the extracted first description data;

          generating a second program code based on the extracted second description data;

15       generating a plurality of internal data expressions of the continuous system equations by executing the second program;

          switching continuous system equations according to switching conditions thereof by executing the first  
20       program; and

          outputting data that represents the behavior of the mechanism by solving the continuous system equations by numerical integration using the internal data expressions.

25           7. A simulation apparatus which simulates a behavior of a mechanism using a hybrid model including a state transition model and a continuous system model,

comprising:

an analyzing unit configured to analyze the hybrid model to extract a first description data of a state transition model and a second description data of a continuous system model;

a first generating unit configured to generate a table representing a relationship between continuous system equations and switching conditions thereof, based on the extracted first description data;

a second generating unit configured to generate a plurality of internal data expressions of the continuous system equations, based on the extracted second description data; and

a simulation execution unit configured to:

select an active continuous system equation by looking up the table according to an occurrence of an event; and

output data that represents the behavior of the mechanism by solving the selected active continuous system equation by numerical integration using one or more of the internal data expressions that corresponds to the selected active one or more continuous system equations.

8. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the simulation execution unit switches an active one of the continuous system equations to another continuous system equation by operating a flag assured for each of

the continuous system equations.

9. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the event is responsive to one of a control signal and an evaluation result of an internal variable, the control signal being provided from an external process including mechanism control software that controls the mechanism.

10. The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a kinematics simulation execution unit configured to execute a kinematics simulation which uses the data that represents the behavior of the mechanism.

11. A simulation apparatus which simulates a behavior of a mechanism using a hybrid model including a state transition model and a continuous system model, comprising:

an analyzing unit configured to analyze the hybrid model to extract a first description data of a state transition model and a second description data of a continuous system model;

a first generating unit configured to generate a table representing a relationship between continuous system equations and switching conditions thereof, based on the extracted first description data;

a second generating unit configured to generate a plurality of internal data expressions of the continuous system equations, based on the extracted

second description data; and

a simulation execution unit configured to execute  
a simulation of the behavior of the mechanism, while  
referring to the table and the plurality of internal  
5 data expressions of the continuous system equations.

12. A simulation apparatus which simulates a  
behavior of a mechanism using a hybrid model including  
a state transition model and a continuous system model,  
comprising:

10 an analyzing unit configured to analyze the hybrid  
model to extract a first description data of a state  
transition model and a second description data of  
a continuous system model;

a first generating unit configured to generate  
15 a first program code based on the extracted first  
description data;

a second generating unit configured to generate  
a second program code based on the extracted second  
description data;

20 a third generating unit configured to generate  
a plurality of internal data expressions of the  
continuous system equations by executing the second  
program;

a switching unit configured to switch continuous  
25 system equations according to switching conditions  
thereof by executing the first program; and

an outputting unit configured to output data that

represents the behavior of the mechanism by solving the continuous system equations by numerical integration using the internal data expressions.

13. A computer program stored in a computer  
5 readable medium for simulating a behavior of a mechanism using a hybrid model including a state transition model and a continuous system model, the program comprising:

means for instructing a computer to analyze the  
10 hybrid model to extract a first description data of a state transition model and a second description data of a continuous system model;

means for instructing the computer to generate  
a table representing a relationship between continuous  
15 system equations and switching conditions thereof, based on the extracted first description data;

means for instructing the computer to generate  
a plurality of internal data expressions of the  
continuous system equations, based on the extracted  
20 second description data; and

means for instructing the computer to select  
an active continuous system equation by looking up  
the table according to an occurrence of an event; and

means for instructing the computer to output data  
25 that represents the behavior of the mechanism by solving the selected active continuous system equation by numerical integration using one or more of the

internal data expressions that corresponds to the selected active one or more continuous system equations.

14. The program according to claim 13, further comprising means for instructing the computer to switch an active one of the continuous system equations to another continuous system equation by operating a flag assured for each of the continuous system equations.

15. The program according to claim 13, wherein the event is responsive to one of a control signal and an evaluation result of an internal variable, the control signal being provided from an external process including mechanism control software that controls the mechanism.

16. The program according to claim 13, further comprising means for instructing the computer to execute a kinematics simulation which uses the data that represents the behavior of the mechanism.

17. A computer program stored in a computer readable medium for simulating a behavior of a mechanism using a hybrid model including a state transition model and a continuous system model, the program comprising:

means for instructing a computer to analyze the hybrid model to extract a first description data of a state transition model and a second description data of a continuous system model;



means for instructing the computer to generate a table representing a relationship between continuous system equations and switching conditions thereof, based on the extracted first description data;

5 means for instructing the computer to generate a plurality of internal data expressions of the continuous system equations, based on the extracted second description data; and

means for instructing the computer to execute  
10 a simulation of the behavior of the mechanism, while referring to the table and the plurality of internal data expressions of the continuous system equations.

18. A computer program stored in a computer readable medium for simulating a behavior of a  
15 mechanism using a hybrid model including a state transition model and a continuous system model, the program comprising:

means for instructing a computer to analyze the hybrid model to extract a first description data of  
20 a state transition model and a second description data of a continuous system model;

means for instructing the computer to generate a first program code based on the extracted first description data;

25 means for instructing the computer to generate a second program code based on the extracted second description data;

means for instructing the computer to generate a plurality of internal data expressions of the continuous system equations by executing the second program;

5 means for instructing the computer to switch continuous system equations according to switching conditions thereof by executing the first program; and

means for instructing the computer to output data that represents the behavior of the mechanism by  
10 solving the continuous system equations by numerical integration using the internal data expressions.